

RUSSIA AND JAPAN MAY GO TO WAR.

THE Russian bear is a restless being. He has a penchant for prowling about the east and putting an aggressive paw into little territorial pies. He is dreaded by the English, he is watched with apprehension by the American, he is hated by the German and with the Jap his name is anathema. He is, on the whole, a very unpopular animal.

All the world tacitly recognizes that the Slav intends to make a great and

who have never been able to forgive Russia for depriving her of the right of spoils of war after the defeat of the Chinese fleet by the ironclads of the

is very nice, as Kipling has remarked, until he tucks his shirt in. Let us suppose, for instance, that England, America and Japan were to join hands in a campaign against their

A Ruler of Millions.

Here is a youthful Indian prince who controls the destinies of over 3,000,000 of people. This young dynasty is his highness Maharajah Siwal Jey Singh of Ulwar, who is descended from the great ruling house of Jeypore. The empire of this boy king is north of



Rajputana, a few hundred miles from Delhi. Prince Maharajah has been educated with great care under the superintendence of an English guardian, is a good cricketer, a polo player, an excellent rider and tiger hunter and incidentally not a bad sort of ruler, considering his youth.

A Folding Cap.

The latest product of American ingenuity is the folding cap. This serviceable chaparral is so constructed that the crown can be folded up very much like a fan. Its advantages are obvious, for it is the application of the idea of the opera hat to the headgear of the everyday small boy. When the new hat comes more in fashion, the American school-boy will be able to carry his cap about in his pocket without the slightest inconvenience. This folding cap is the invention of a Cleveland genius.



The Designer of the Shamrock.



Mr. William Fife, Jr., who was the designer of the Lipton cup challenger Shamrock, is a ship builder bred and born. His father was Old Wull Fife, and for generations past his ancestors have been engaged in the designing and building of ships. Mr. Fife is now slightly over 40 years of age, and for over 20 years devoted himself to the study of naval architecture. When a young Scotch lad of 17, he entered his father's shipyard, and after serving an apprenticeship of seven years became superintendent of one of the largest ship-building firms of England. After several years with this firm and much experimentation in the construction of fast ships he went back to his old home in Fife, Scotland, and, entering business with his father, soon secured a reputation as the designer of speedy racing and pleasure yachts. About ten years ago he paid a visit to America and made a careful study of new world models, the result of which has been plainly visible in his subsequent nautical creations.

Among the well known vessels which have been put together under the directing finger of Mr. William Fife are the Shamrock, the Alba, the Jesica, the Minerva and the Yama and Windward and Dragon, with many others whose names are equally familiar to the yachting world.



WHY RUSSIA'S BLUFF AT LAST FAILS TO WORK.

glorious fight for supremacy in the orient before very many years have passed away, and it is pretty generally understood that while the white czar is kindly convening peace conferences for the reformation of belligerent mankind he is not altogether overlooking his own little interest in the far off east. He has overrun Manchuria, and he is crowding down upon Tibet and India. He has had the upper hand in China for some time, and just at present he has a covetous eye upon Korea. All of which, of course, is not exactly fatal to the ruled feelings of the Japanese.

or of years, it will be found that the little Jap will have a few friends in his struggle against the Slav. Japan thinks that she can count on the support of both the United States and England, two nations which cannot be regarded as insignificant allies in any such row.

totals only 23. The triple alliance of Germany, Austria and Russia would possess only 73 of the same kind of floating war machines. The Japo-Anglo-Saxon alliance would also have 23 cruisers to manipulate against 103 of the dual alliance and 61 of the triple alliance. Ships for coast defense would also give a preponderating margin to our own side, and we could muster no less than 33 torpedo boats, 33 of these coming from England alone. France, however, with her 288 torpedo boats, would pretty well counterbalance our advantage here, though the triple alliance would fall pretty well short of our aggregate in this line. Then, of course, there is the immense merchant marine service of England to draw from, to say nothing of our own.

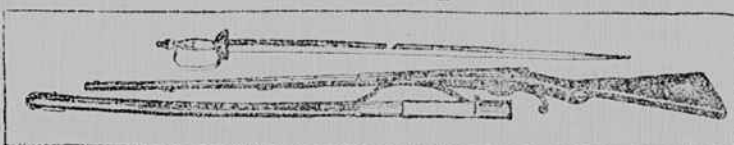
age. Russia, Germany and France are all more or less shut in from the sea, while England, the United States and Japan are all absolutely free and unencumbered in this respect. In event of such a struggle, the first and the fiercest fighting would take place on the sea. When the time came for worrying about armies of occupation for the victorious side, the Japo-Anglo-Saxon alliance would have a population of something like 498,000,000 of people to draw from, while Russia, Germany, France, Austria and Italy together would have just a little over two-thirds of this gigantic number of supporters within all their borders. All of which, of course, is very interesting and very satisfactory to the Anglo-Saxon and the Jap, but then one never can tell, you know. Americans, however, are not sitting up nights worrying over the outcome.

The Source of the Niger.



Next to the Nile the Niger is the longest and the most important river in all Africa, yet, like most rivers, it has a very small and insignificant little spring for its source, as the accompanying picture will show. The tree shown in the picture forms a part of the boundary line between French and English territory in Africa, the infant waters of this mighty river rising from beneath its fallen trunk. This spot is near Mount Konkourah, close to a village of the same name, not far from the northerly frontier of Sierra Leone.

Gun That Killed English Soldiers.



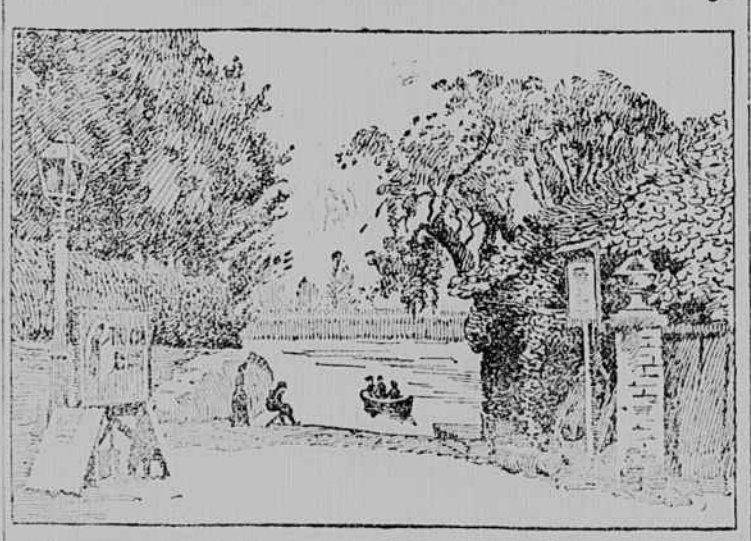
Here is a quaint old gun and a sword and scabbard which were presented by President Kruger of the Transvaal republic to Lobengula, the wily Matabele chief who fought against the English in the south of the dark continent during the Matabele war. The gun is now in England on exhibition at the Earl's Court African show, where it is not exactly a safe for such old sores as Majuba Hill and Laing's Nek.

Iron Mines on a Lake Bottom.



Since the discovery and development of the Klondike goldfields Canadians have awakened to the fact that their dominion is a country possessing practically unlimited mineral resources. But all the gold of Canada is not in the Klondike, nor is gold the only mineral to be found in that country. The accompanying illustration, for instance, shows a Quebec province mine in full operation, the ore being dredged for being iron. These mines repose on the bottom of Lac a la Poutre, and the bog ore is secured from the bottom of the lake by immense dredges, as shown in the accompanying picture, then loaded on scows and shipped away.

The Famous Twickenham Ferry.



Here is the latest photograph of the far famed Twickenham ferry, so often heard of in song and story. Now the existence of this famous and popular old ferry is threatened on account of the proposed erection of a bridge over the River Thames. The residents along the Thames are objecting to the abolition of the picturesque old ferry, with its pretty landings and numerous associations, but the stern march of progress has ordained that it must go.

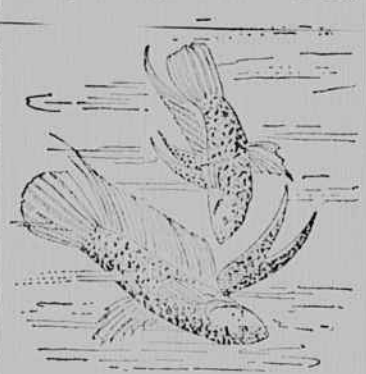
Psalm Singers of South Africa.



The accompanying illustration is from a photograph taken at Paardekraal, South African Republic, showing the Boers engaged in singing the last verse of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Psalm. On this occasion 5,000 Boers came together in a mass meeting to be addressed by General Joubert and different executive officers in connection with concessions to be granted to the appealing Transvaal outlanders. The tone of this meeting was, as is already well known, to the effect that not another hair beyond those proposals already put forward by their president would be conceded to the defeated foreigners. It was at this meeting that General Joubert called on all the Boers present to remember the solemn oath taken by them in 1880, when each Boer patriot, holding a stone in his hand, took a solemn oath before the Almighty that he would shed the last drop of blood if need be for his beloved country. These stones were then piled in one heap and a monument placed on the top of them.

Siamese Fighting Fish.

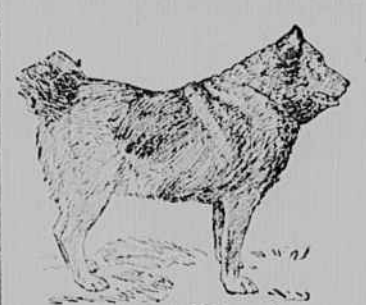
The effete Parisian has just taken up the sport of fish contests. Oriental sporting men in Siam, Cochinchina and some parts of Japan have long taken great delight in the lively con-



tests of the little fighting fish which are bred in the east for this particular purpose. The little dainty belligerents are prettily colored red and blue fish, and when it comes to a matter of fighting always stick to it to the death.

A Peculiar Dog.

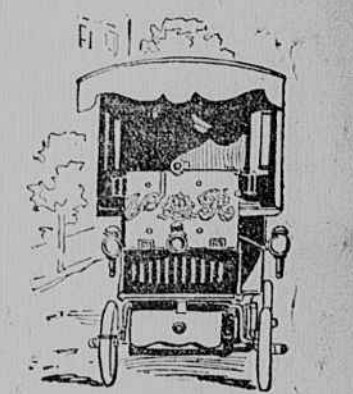
Here is a type of dog that is not very often seen in this country. This odd looking breed of canine is known as the



elkhound, and this particular specimen is the valued possession of a titled English woman who has recently won a prize with him at the London dog show.

Auto Mail Wagons.

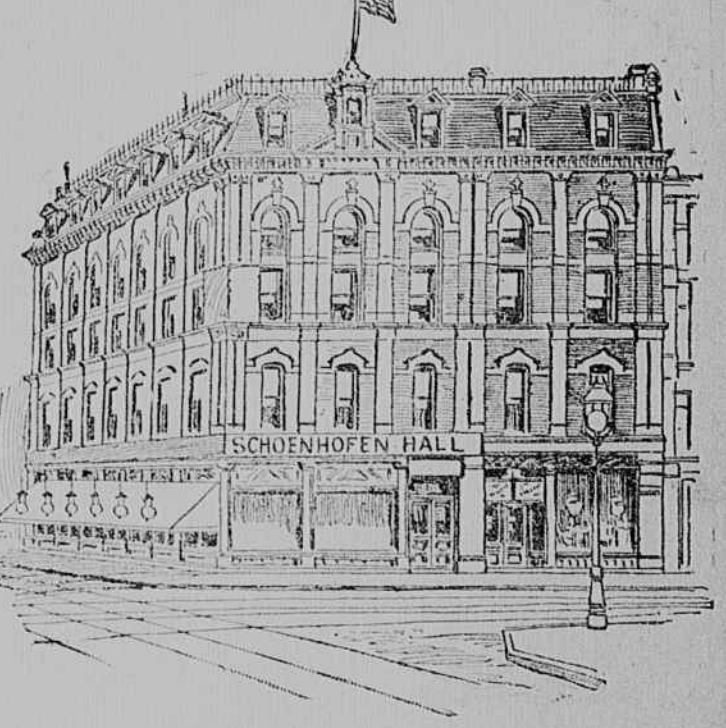
The extent to which the automobile has invaded England will be realized from the accompanying illustration, which shows the new vehicles now



ENGLISH MOTOR MAIL WAGON.

being used in London for the collection of her majesty's mail. These automobiles are heavy, covered carriages of the most substantial and handsome build, and have been found both more expeditious and more reliable than the old fashioned carriage hauled by a team of horses.

German Veterans In Chicago.



During the next few days an army of German soldiers will invade and capture the city of Chicago. It is not expected that the event will be attended with much bloodshed, as the invasion will be a peaceful one. The federated military clubs of German soldiers now living in the United States will come together in the bustling Windy City to flitly celebrate the victories of the Franco-Prussian war, and it is expected that a large number of the martial sons of the fatherland will congregate for the occasion.